

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-115 (canceled).

Claim 116 (currently amended). A method for diagnosing ~~cancer~~ melanoma in a patient, the method comprising detecting the level of a nucleic acid comprising the nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO: 1 in a ~~tissue~~ skin sample from the patient.

Claim 117 (canceled).

Claim 118 (currently amended). A method for determining regression, course, or onset of ~~cancer~~ melanoma in a patient, the method comprising detecting the level of a nucleic acid comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 in a ~~tissue~~ skin sample from the patient.